

PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES (PSSF)
Title IV-B, Part 2

Purpose	<p>The Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program is part 2 of Title IV-B of the Social Security Act. The purpose of the funding is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ prevent child maltreatment among families at risk through the provision of supportive family services❑ assure children's safety within the home and preserve intact families in which children have been maltreated, when the family's problems can be addressed effectively❑ address the problems of families whose children have been placed in foster care so that reunification may occur in a safe and stable manner in accordance with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997❑ support adoptive families by providing support services as necessary so that they can make a lifetime commitment to their children <hr/>
Scope of Services	<p>Under PSSF, a state must spend a minimum of 20% of PSSF funds on each of the following types of services, unless the state receives a waiver of this requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Community-based family support services❑ Family preservation services❑ Time-limited family reunification services❑ Adoption promotion and support services <hr/>
Federal Funding	<p>Iowa's FY 02 budget assumed \$1.768 M in federal PSSF funding.</p> <hr/>
State Match	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ The state must provide a 25% match to receive PSSF funds.❑ State must be able to demonstrate maintenance of effort. <hr/>
Iowa's PSSF Program – FY 2001 and 2002	<p>Iowa's plan for the PSSF program is included in our Title IV-B State Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Iowa has approval to waive the requirement to spend 20% of PSSF funds on family preservation services, because Iowa has family centered and family preservation services available statewide.❑ Funds for adoption promotion and support services have been used for statewide activities.❑ Funds for community-based family support services, and time-limited family reunification services have been awarded to local communities/providers<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ In FY 2001, funds were awarded through a competitive grant process▪ In FY 2002, funds were allocated to decat projects based on child population, with a minimum award for each decat <hr/>

**FY 2003
Proposal for
PSSF**

The Governor's FY 2003 budget proposes to:

- ❑ Use a portion of the community-based family support dollars to fund the Child Abuse Prevention Grant program
 - ❑ Use the PSSF adoption promotion and support dollars to fund adoption recruitment and other statewide adoption support activities
 - ❑ Allocate the time-limited family reunification dollars and a portion of the community-based family support dollars to local clusters
 - ❑ Again waive the requirement to spend a portion of family preservation services
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**Impact of PL
107-133 on
the PSSF
Program**

- ❑ Under PL 107-133, Congress reauthorized the PSSF program, and authorized increases of \$200 M a year for 5 years, but leaves annual decisions about funding up to the Appropriations Committee
- ❑ Congress approved a \$70 M increase for federal FY 2002 – at this point, we have not received official notice of our share of the increase or instructions on any new requirements